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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 02605

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OAS, VE, NU, TD  
SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 227780

1. CHARGE MET ON AN URGENT BASIS TODAY (SEPT. 8) WITH HEAD OF MINEXTAFF POLITICAL/ECONOMIC BUREAU TREVOR SPENCER REGARDING VENEZUELA OAS INITIATIVE. LEFT WITH HIM AN AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL.
2. SPENCER HAD BEEN ALERTED AS TO THE PURPOSE OF MY CALL AND WAS SURPRISINGLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER SUBSTANTIVELY. HE HEARD ME OUT AND REPLIED THAT OF COURSE AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE COULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET, BUT UNOFFICIALLY--THOUGH WITH CERTAINTY--HE COULD TELL ME WHAT THE GOTT RESPONSE WILL BE. THE GOTT CONSIDERS THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA TO BE AN INTERNAL PROBLEM AND IT IS UNDEVIATING GOTT POLICY NOT TO INTERFERE IN OTHER NATIONS' INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT WILL NOT GET INVOLVED.
3. RESPONDING TO POINT THAT SUPPORT FOR A WEEK'S POSTPONEMENT IN OAS CONSIDERATION OF CONVOCAION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH POLICY POSITION SPENCER OUTLINED, HE SAID HE  
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DOUBTS IF ANYTHING MEANINGFUL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED RE THE NICARAGUAN SITUATION EVEN BY THE 19TH, AND IN ANY EVENT THE GOTT WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING ACTIVE IN REGARD TO ANY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

4. COMMENT: IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW SPENCER HAS GIVEN IT TO US STRAIGHT. THE GOTT DOES NOT SEE ITS INTERESTS AT STAKE.

THE T&T OAS REP WILL SIT THIS ONE OUT. THERE IS NO  
BUDGING THE GOVERNMENT ON THE MATTER; THE FACT THAT IT IS  
VENEZUELA THAT IS CALLING FOR AN MFM MAKES THE GOTT (I.E.,  
PM) ALL THE MORE STUBBORN. O'MAHONY

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